



currents

what's happening at the bridge

Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to
help people

Connect with God's people in your life
Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life

Ways to Connect with God's *mission* at the bridge

- Sun. Dec. 22** - 3:00 pm - Family Caroling around Fire Pits at Boettcher's House
Tue. Dec. 24 - 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service
Tue. Dec. 24 - Potluck Supper and Caroling after service at Boettcher's House
Tue. Dec. 24 - Office Closing Early (9:00 - 12:00)
Wed. Dec. 25 - Office Closed
Thu. Dec. 26 - Office Closed
Fri. Dec. 27 - Office open 9:00 - 12:00
Sun. Dec. 29 - 10:00 A Service of Carols - one service see information below

No Currents on the 26th
Next Currents will be on Tuesday Dec 31st.

Weekly Small Groups

- Mon.** - 6:00 pm - Boy Scouts and SOS (Siblings of Scouts)
Tue. - 10:00 am - Sleep Mats for Homeless
Tue. - 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Group Meeting
Tue. - 7:00 pm - A.A. Group Meeting
Wed. - 8:00 am - Men's Prayer and Share Small Group
Sat. - 7:00 pm - A.A. Group Meeting

The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at **the bridge**? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -
Give generously - Cherish children -
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

Worship Weekly

Date: December 22, 2019

Title: What Did You Come Here Looking For?

Text: Micah 7: 18 - 22; Luke 2: 8 - 11

Questions:

- Why did you come here this morning?
- What were you looking for?
- Advent is the season of waiting, watching and preparing for Christ to come to us in new ways. How are waiting, watching and preparing for the coming of Christ into your life at Christmas?



bridge "Notes" from Patty

I choose not to do a lot of decorating for the season but I do love to put up a little tree with lights. I have a small box of mismatched ornaments, mostly handmade by my Children during their elementary school days and musical ornaments friends and children have given me over the years. I'll never make it into Southern Living Magazine but I can live with that. It's hard not to feel "seasonally inadequate" this time of year. Did I buy enough, bake enough, decorate enough, give to the poor enough, sing enough? And what about Christmas cards? I can't fathom it. How do people do all they do?? Lord, teach me to rest in the finished works of Jesus Christ! I lay it all down. See ya Sunday.



A Service of Carols

On Sunday, December 29th we are having **one service at 10:00 am**. This will be a service of singing Christmas Carols and special music.

If you have a favorite carol you would like for us to sing, please email Patty at patty.lyerly@gmail.com

We will also have our 5th Sunday Celebration that day. The celebration and refreshments will be immediately following the service

Epiphany Sunday 2020
The bridge Presbyterian Church
Celebrating Divine New Discoveries
Congregational Participation!

For Epiphany Sunday Jan 5th, we are asking folks at the bridge to share the following information on either a three by five card or by email:

Share a passage of scripture that has brought new light or a fresh understanding about the Lord and/or your Christian faith over the past two years. (Please write out the passage with the appropriate citation)

Underneath that passage, please write one or two words that describe the 'new discovery' this passage gave to you.

Then, underneath the one or two words, please write your name.

We will then share these with the congregation via power point slides during the worship service.

Example:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."
(Proverbs 3; 4 -5)

Guidance
Steve Jones

Deadline:

We need all submissions into the church office by January 2nd. This idea will not work without your help. So, please consider participating in this unique worship service. Drop your submission into the offering plate, drop it by the church office or email it to Wanda at thebridgepres@gmail.com

Welcome and Include Everyone

Servers for Sunday, December 22nd and 24th

Ushers

9:00 am – Bob Dixon, John Lapatchka, Peter and Sandy Barrett



10:30 am - Bettye Weihs, Charlynnne Caillaud, Rich and Ruth Hepner

Christmas Eve - Charlie Riddle, Bob Dixon, Andrew and Cathy Purves

Greeters



9:00 am - Sandy and Peter Barrett

10:30 am - Ruth and Rich Hepner

Connecting Partners



9:00 am - Kathy Dixon

10:30 am - Suzanne Veen and Dixie Bennett

Christmas Eve - Judy Bath and Kathy Dixon

Christmas Eve Communion



Servers: Pat Smith, Charlynnne Caillaud,
Barbara Hedin, Cathy Boettcher

Releasers: Andrew and Cathy Purves

Pray Daily



- Sharon Sisk - shoulder surgery

Give Generously

Last Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019

Attendance	142	(4-week average)
Offering	\$ 7,204	(4-week average)
Offering	\$ 6,096	(8-week average)
Actual Attendance	145	
Actual Offering	\$10,372	

We are at the beginning of a new church year and approaching the end of our fiscal year. Much happened in 2019. We had to say “Goodbye” to some dear friends. We grew as a congregation. We got comfortable in our space and filled it with song and praise. Our mission teams were busy. The scouting program grew. We had our first vacation bible school! Along the way we were good stewards of the generous gifts we were given. We are currently under budget and the generosity team is working to get us in good shape for 2020. Even though we are not over spending, we are facing a deficit this year. There were some unexpected expenses with the Grinch showing up to crash the copier, but the biggest impact came as some of our special “Santas” were lost or moved away. For 2019 receiving is down.

For many of us, this church community has been the gift that keeps on giving. It has become our church home. The spirit filled staff and the compassionate people of this congregation have inspired and comforted us, and the missions have constantly challenged us. So, we may be able to offer something extra. We could consider it as a 53rd week or a 13th month offering as a gift to the bridge family. If you are moved by the spirit and are able, please think about a Christmas gift to the bridge. May the true spirit of Christmas fill your hearts with peace and love.

Cherish Children

bridge Builders, our Sunday morning children's program, is located in suite 206 during the 10:30 service. A nursery for infants and toddlers is also provided during the 10:30 service



Sunday Dec. 22nd:

Teacher: Judy Hogg

Toddlers/Babies: Barbara Harwell, Jill Weldon, Kathy Dixon

Christmas Eve: Elizabeth Murray and Gidget Karlof



Christmas Gatherings

Family Carol Sing

Please bring your family, neighbors and friends to join us on Sunday, December 22nd at 3PM for carols, snacks and libations at the home of Cathy and Paul Boettcher, 116 Belvedere Ct., Leland (behind the Piggly Wiggly) Dave Bohn will be leading us in song as we enjoy the warmth of the firepits. Yard games will also be available for a friendly challenge. Come and help us spread Christmas cheer. Parking passes will be on sign up table.

Christmas Eve Pot Luck Supper and Carols

Join us after 5PM Christmas Eve service for a Pot Luck Dinner and Carols at Cathy and Paul Boettcher's, 116 Belvedere CT, Leland. Sign up sheets are on the table and parking passes can be found there also.



The lovely Poinsettias in the worship center have been given in Honor or in Memory of Loved ones.

In Honor of:

My dear Friend Joan
Lisa Brogden
Our Grandson, Timothy Vernon
Doug Cushing
Wanda Batten
Patty Lyerly
Praise Band
Our Daughter, Jennifer and family
Our Children and Grandchildren:
Kelly, Stephen and Evie Pickell
Todd, Rachael and Thomas Broadwater

From:

Susan Stanewick
Patricia Shaffar
Marilyn and John Vernon
Session
Session
Session
Ethel and Harry Adams
Greer and Tom Broadwater

In Memory of:

Jim and Cornelia Graham
Bill and Mary Rankin
Frances and Ernie Robinson
Mary and Ed Weihs
Janet Childress Powell (sister)
Scott Carlson
Donald James, Sr
William Bohn
Doris Bohn
Our Parents
George
Barry
Ann Marie
Donna Truesdell (sister)
Dwight Warnock
Our Parents:
William and Janet Miller
G.C. and Margaret Broadwater

From:

Ann and Jim Graham
Ann and Jim Graham
Bettye and Ed Weihs
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Marilyn and John Vernon
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Sallie and Dave Bohn
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Ethel and Harry Adams
Kathy and Bob Dixon
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Cathy and Paul Boettcher
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Greer and Tom Broadwater



The Creche and Christmas Decorations

The Creche and Worship Center Christmas decorations are donated by Cathy and Paul Boettcher to honor the memory of all the losses within our bridge family in 2019.

Dwight Warnock

Harold Lamson – Judy Hogg's Father

Donna Truesdell – Cathy Boettcher's Sister

Scott Carlson – Jean Carlson's Son

Remona Shepherd – Pat Smith's Mother

Jane Kallenborn – Lisa Myers' Mother

Ginny Glossl – Kathy Davanzo's Mother

Donald James – Sallie Bohn's Father

Lee Dingle – Laurie Benton's Brother

Mary Weihs – Ed Weihs' Mother

Lawrence Caddell – Scout Leader

Serve Our Community



December Mission Opportunity

Some of us may have missed out on providing a stocking for a child at Kids World Academy. So, we have a new mission opportunity. One of our sustainable partners, Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA), is joining with the U.S. Marines in their Toys for Tots program. We will be collecting items for this program which is for kids age 0 to 16. The greatest need is for 13-16 years old. Some suggestions are soccer or basketballs, make-up kits or jewelry, etc. If you have grandkids in that age group, maybe a shopping trip with them would be fun or at least get suggestions from them. Please bring the gift, unwrapped, to the church by December 15th if you wish to participate in this opportunity. They will be delivered to BFA in Shallotte.



The Leland House Angel Tree is ready!

If you have a heart for our friends at Leland House, there are eight Angel Tags waiting to go Christmas shopping.

To adopt a resident for Christmas, take an Angel off the tree at Leland House, write your name, phone number and email next to the Angel's number in the folder. Take the Angel tag shopping to purchase the resident's wish list of items. Wrap the gifts and return them with the Angel tag by December 20.

Leland House is located at 1935 Lincoln Road NE, in Leland.

Misc. Announcements

Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge - DECEMBER



Pete Erbe	9
Gary Westphal	12
Judy Hogg	14
Tom Broadwater	19
Doug Cushing	20
Ruth Hepner	22
Gary Lewis	23
Chris Murray	27
Lisa Myers	29

Living Proof with Beth Moore in Wilmington

On April 24th and 25th, 2020, Living Proof Live with **Beth Moore** is coming to Wilmington, NC. Travis Cottrell will be leading the worship portion of this retreat at Trask Coliseum on the campus of UNCW.

The bridge will be collecting checks made out to **LifeWay Women Events for \$65**. To reserve a general admission ticket, you must get this check to Wanda Batten by December 20th. On the 20th all checks will be sent to LifeWay to reserve our general admission tickets. If we can send in 75 or more checks, we will be guaranteed a priority section for our church and our guests. We have invited First Presbyterian to help us make this quota and we ask you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us so we can all be together to experience this event.

For further information go to LifeWay.com/LivingProof or call 800-254-2022.



Bridge Community Bulletin Board